

**Excerpts from the Report of the Meeting of the States Parties in 2005, as
contained in CCW/MSP/2005/2**

“26. Following the decision of the Second Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention as stipulated in Part II, Final Declaration, under “Review of the Articles, Article 8 (Review and amendments)” of its Final Document (CCW/CONF.II/2) “to convene a further conference five years following the entry into force of the amendments adopted at the Second Review Conference, but in any case not later than 2006, with preparatory meetings starting as early as 2005, if necessary”, the Meeting of the States Parties decided to convene the Third Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention from 7 to 17 November 2006 at Geneva in conjunction with the Eighth Annual Conference of the States Parties to Amended Protocol II.

27. Following the recommendations of the Group of Governmental Experts, as contained in paragraph 26 of CCW/GGE/XII/4, the Meeting of the States Parties decided that all necessary preparations for the Third Review Conference be undertaken within the framework of the existing Group of Governmental Experts.

28. Following the recommendations of the Group of Governmental Experts, as contained in paragraph 29 of CCW/GGE/XII/4, the Meeting of the States Parties decided that the intersessional work of the Group of Governmental Experts will be undertaken in three sessions at Geneva during 2006, as follows:

- 6 – 10 March 2006
- 19 – 23 June 2006
- 28 August – 6 September 2006

29. Following the recommendations of the Group of Governmental Experts, as contained in paragraph 30 of CCW/GGE/XII/4, the Meeting of the States Parties decided to commission follow-up work under the oversight of the President-designate of the Third Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention

30. The Meeting of the States Parties decided that the Working Group on Explosive Remnants of War would continue its work in the year 2006 with the following mandate:

To continue to consider, including through participation of legal experts, the implementation of existing principles of International Humanitarian Law and to further study, on an open-ended basis, with particular emphasis on meetings of military and technical experts, possible preventive measures aimed at improving the design of certain specific types of munitions, including sub-munitions, with a view to minimising the humanitarian risk of these munitions becoming explosive remnants of war. Exchange of information, assistance and co-operation would be part of this work. The Group will report on the work done to the Third Review Conference in 2006.

31. The Meeting of the States Parties decided that the Working Group on Mines Other Than Anti-Personnel Mines would continue its work in the year 2006 with the following mandate:

- a) To continue to consider all proposals on Mines Other Than Anti-Personnel Mines put forward since the establishment of the Group of Governmental Experts with the aim of elaborating appropriate recommendations on Mines Other Than Anti-Personnel Mines for submission to the Third Review Conference in 2006.
- b) Meetings of military experts shall also be conducted to provide advice on these activities.

32. Following the recommendations of the Group of Governmental Experts, as contained in paragraph 27 of CCW/GGE/XII/4, the Meeting of the States Parties decided that the President-designate shall undertake consultations during the intersessional period on possible options to promote compliance with the Convention and its annexed Protocols, taking into account proposals put forward, and shall submit a report, adopted by consensus, to the States Parties.

33. Following the recommendations of the Group of Governmental Experts, as contained in paragraph 28 of CCW/GGE/XII/4, the Meeting of the States Parties decided that the President-designate shall undertake consultations during the intersessional period on the possibility to establish a sponsorship programme under the Convention and on the modalities of such a sponsorship programme, and shall report to the States Parties.

34. At its final plenary meeting on 25 November 2005, the Meeting of the States Parties decided to issue an appeal to all States that had not yet done so to take all measures to accede to the Convention and its annexed Protocols as soon as possible. The appeal is contained in Annex II.

35. At the same meeting, the States Parties to the Convention recommended that the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as Depositary of the Convention and its annexed Protocols, and the President-designate, on behalf of the States Parties, exercise their authority to achieve the goal of universality of the Convention and its annexed Protocols. To this effect, the Meeting of the States Parties requested the President-designate to consider reporting to the 61st session of the United Nations General Assembly on his endeavours.

36. The Meeting of the States Parties also called on the States Parties to promote wider adherence to the Convention and its annexed Protocols in their respective regions and in particular to consider organizing national or regional workshops, conferences or other events aimed at promoting the Convention and its annexed Protocols.

37. The Meeting of the States Parties addressed the issue of the dates and duration of the Eighth Annual Conference of the States Parties to Amended Protocol II and decided that it be held on 6 November 2006 at Geneva.

38. The Meeting of the States Parties decided to designate Ambassador François Rivasseau of France as President of the Third Review Conference of the States Parties to be held in 2006, and appointed Ambassador Edvardas Borisovas of Lithuania as Coordinator on Explosive Remnants of War and a representative of the Group of the Non-Aligned Movement as Coordinator on Mines Other Than Anti-Personnel Mines. The Meeting of the States Parties agreed that the principle of equitable geographical rotation among the regional groups shall be ensured when addressing the Presidency of future Review Conferences of the States Parties to the Convention.”
